

REIGN OF ROBBERS

MANY CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE YESTERDAY.

BURGLARS WORK OVERTIME

KANSAS CITY EXPERIENCES PENALTIES OF BEING A METROPOLIS.

Clever Work of Police Succeeds in Bringing Many Criminals to the Bar of Justice—A Coat Led to Arrest of Two Alleged Thieves.

Burglars and sneakthieves have been unusually active during the past twenty-four hours. Judging from the numerous reports of robberies that reach police headquarters almost every day, business is much too brisk in their line for them to take a vacation this summer. In fact, they appear to be working overtime. The police congratulated themselves last winter that Kansas City was not subjected to a reign of foot-pudding, but what the footpads overlooked last winter the enterprising sneakthief and housebreaker are going at it this summer.

Two negroes were frightened away from the home of Dr. Mabel Spencer, at 1234 Broadway, last Friday morning, and two men who answered their description were apprehended yesterday afternoon by Sergeant Wil Murphy and Officers Ryan and Coughlin. A coat which was dropped in a hurried flight from the building furnished the clue that led to their arrest. In the pockets of the garment was a pawn ticket for a coat which had been pawned with H. Cohn, a pawnbroker in Kansas City, Kas. From the latter Detective Sanderson and Schultz secured a description of the person who secured a loan on the coat, and it was on the strength of this description that two negroes giving their names as Albert Jackson and George Morton were arrested. Both were locked up until a warrant could be secured for them. Jackson's true name is said to be Arthur Ellington. He was arrested by Detective John Ennis four years ago for burglary and was sentenced to the state reformatory on account of his age. He is 16 years old and George Morton is 16.

Abel C. Smith, who is visiting at the home of Andrew E. Howard, a stonecutter, living at 502 Campbell street, reported to the police yesterday that burglars entered the room occupied by him Sunday night and stole \$15 and a pocketknife. The robbers crawled through an open window and departed in the same way after they had rifled the pockets of Smith's garments. The thief who entered the home of Frank Todd, at 1212 Broadway, yesterday morning wore rubbers. Footprints were discovered in the soft earth near a window that had been made by a man who had been rubbed. The thief secured \$7 in money, a Hungarian coin bearing date of 1886, a bunch of keys, a pocketknife and a pair of shoes. The robber searched the house from basement to attic for valuables.

Hold Up by Women.

Frank Hoffman, of 312 West 10th street, was strolling along Delaware street, near Third street, at a late hour Sunday night when a negro named Edith Gordon relieved him of all the money he had—35 cents. Hoffman knocked her down and she was trying to make her escape and Officer West arrested them both. Hoffman was released later, but the Gordon woman was charged with street walking. She has served several sentences in the workhouse. E. P. Akers, a negro, who was riding in a wagon, was on his way to his home at 401 West Fifth street at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning when a negro woman hailed him and relieved him of \$5, which represented his night's receipts. The woman afterwards made her escape. Officers Quinn and Murphy arrested Will Fields, a negro, who is supposed to have aided the negroes in robbing Akers.

Two Stolen Shirt Waists Recovered.

Three or four months ago a sneakthief stole seven shirt waists of fine make from Mrs. M. N. Andrews, who conducts a dressmaking establishment at 107 Walnut street. Last Saturday Mrs. Andrews was walking along the street when she saw two negro girls wearing two of the waists that had been stolen from her. She notified the police, and Detectives Dixon and Boyle secured descriptions of the two women and shadowed them to their homes. One of the women lives at 1301 Walnut and the other on Baltimore avenue between Tenth and Eleventh streets. When the police interviewed them they told them the shirt waists had been given to them by a negro named John Payne, who rooms at 217 Grand avenue. Payne had been employed to clean out the building where Mrs. Andrews has her shop about the time the shirt waists disappeared, and as soon as it was learned that he had given the waists to the women he was placed under arrest. A state warrant will be issued for him to-day.

John Farrell and "Toots" Wallace, negro boys, 16 and 14 years old, respectively, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Haldeman and Jarboe on a state warrant issued by Justice Spitz, charging them with burglary and larceny. The boys live in what is known as "Roundtop," near St. Mary's cemetery, and it was there that they are said to have committed many of the robberies.

Daniel Sutton was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer Estes on a charge of stealing about \$50 worth of tools and dies for manufacturing caps and bolts from W. C. Grimes, a wagon manufacturer at 206 Main street.

Guy Stark and Will Brown Arrested. Guy Stark, a negro with a bad record, was arrested last night by Sergeant Murphy and Officers Ryan and Coughlin on a charge of burglary and larceny. The police claim that Stark, Arthur Jackson and George Morton, two other negroes who were arrested yesterday for entering

the home of Dr. Mabel Spencer, at 1234 Broadway, last Friday morning, robbed the residence of J. S. Nelson at 206 East Sixth street a few minutes ago. The coat, which was pawned at H. Cohn's pawnshop at 1234 Broadway, was stolen from Nelson and he identified the garment yesterday as being his property. Stark had no hand in the attempt to rob the home of Dr. Mabel Spencer. He was sent to No. 2 police station last night for safekeeping. Will Brown was also taken into custody at a late hour last night by Officers Cassidy and Mosley. Brown was implicated in the first of the robberies interested in the robbery of a number of dwelling houses on the East side.

NAUGHTY GIRLS CAGED.

Two Go to the Home of the Good Shepherd and One to the Workhouse.

Lena Bruns, Katie Brumbaugh and Mattie Smith, the girls who were arrested by Officer O'Neal Saturday afternoon for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, as told in The Journal yesterday, were sentenced to one year in the workhouse by Acting Police Judge Spitz yesterday morning. Lena Bruns and Katie Brumbaugh are 16 years old and Mattie Smith 15. They have frequently disappeared from their homes during the last six months and have caused their parents no end of worry. Sunday afternoon the father of the Bruns girls called at police headquarters to see her and she cursed and abused him. The three girls spent the day in the holdover, cursing the jailer and the prisoners. When they were arrested they were so drunk that they staggered into police headquarters and had to be supported while they were being registered by Captain Brumbaugh. After Judge Spitz had sentenced them to the workhouse he granted stays of execution in the cases of the Bruns and Smith girls and they were sent by their parents to the House of the Good Shepherd. The Brumbaugh girl had to go to the workhouse.

BEFORE THE SUN WENT DOWN.

A Trio of Men Ordered Into Exile by Spitz—Beggars Sent to the Workhouse.

Justice Spitz got rid of a trio of bad men in the police court yesterday morning by assessing fines of \$50 against them and then giving them stays of execution on their promise to depart from Kansas City before the setting of another sun.

George Kemp, of Dallas, Tex.; James Wilson, of Peoria, Ill., and E. H. Chumley, of 645 Washington street, were the victims of Justice, as dealt out by Spitz. They were picked up by Detectives Ennis and Boyle Sunday on suspicion.

One of the men, who was found begging on the streets, was sent to the workhouse for thirty days. He had a lot of printed cards representing that he was soliciting money for blind widows and their children. The money he collected he spent in North end barbershops. Will Burton, Ed Johnson, Robert Owens and Ernest Maupin, vagrants, were fined in sums ranging from \$5 to \$25. They were arrested on the Bowdoin on Eleventh street, by Detectives Haldeman and Jarboe.

ABUSED JUDGE SPITZ.

A Colored Termagant Creates a Scene in Police Court and Is Heavily Fined.

Emma White, whose skin is not as fair as her name indicates, was fined \$25 in the police court yesterday morning for disturbing the peace of the employees at the Hannibal bridge. She got drunk and strolled down to the Hannibal bridge, where she cursed and abused every person she met. She was carrying a 2-month-old baby in her arms and when she was arrested she refused to let the police take the baby. She was still mad when she was arraigned in the police court yesterday morning and she waded into Judge Spitz, cursing him and threatening to hit him with a razor if he did not remit the fine. Judge Spitz, without a word, ordered her to be taken to the police station. She could not pay it and she will have to spend 100 days in the workhouse.

SCHUREMAN'S ASSAILANT.

Arthur Ballard, the Wilder of Baseball Bat, Arrested for Felonious Assault.

Arthur Ballard, the 15-year-old boy who assaulted Ira Schureman with a baseball bat at Eighteenth street and Indiana avenue Sunday morning, was arrested at a late hour Sunday night by Officers Burns, Byers, Gillespie and Lynch, and locked up at No. 4 police station on a charge of felonious assault. Schureman is at the city hospital. He was seriously injured, but Police Surgeon Longan does not think he is in danger of losing his life. He is a farmer and came to this city a few days ago from Willow Springs, Mo.

WHAT A LITTLE CHILD DID.

Thumbed His Nose and Caused a Three-Cornered Row in a Main Street Flat.

Katie Johnson, of 1531 Main street, had a spat with Mrs. Virginia Harris, who lives in the same house, and she induced a 4-year-old child of Mrs. Annie Washington, who lives next door to Mrs. Harris. The child was told to thumb his nose at Mrs. Harris and call her names and did so. Then Mrs. Harris told Mrs. Washington to take the child to her home, where a policeman was called in to settle the trouble. In the police court yesterday morning Mrs. Johnson was fined \$5.

Ate Peanuts and Then Fought.

Moses Ray and John Davis, negroes, were seen in the city hall on an east bound Eighteenth street cable train Sunday afternoon munching peanuts from the same bag. A dispute arose as to which one had devoured the more peanuts and they finally fought off the cable train and started to fight it out according to London prize ring rules.

Deputy Sheriff Buckner saw the negroes and placed them under arrest. In the police court yesterday morning they were fined \$5 each.

OBJECT TO CRITICISM

REPUTABLE COLORED BUSINESS MEN SCORE CHIEF OF POLICE HAYES.

Say That Hell's Half-Acre Can Be Cleansed of Dives and Criminals if the Police Will Do Their Duty.

In the block on Grand avenue, from Independence avenue south to Sixth street, recently dubbed by the police, "Hell's Half-Acre," a number of men conduct reputable businesses. They admit to tough parlors, but they insist that that often rowdies are rampant, but they insist that it is within the power of the police to cleanse it of the criminal element, and are ready to assist in any crusade that may be planned in that direction. These reputable business men became indignant when they read in The Journal yesterday Chief Hayes' views anent the district.

"The police are not powerless," said their spokesman, J. W. Gordon, a colored man who conducts the Palace hotel, at 54 Grand avenue, to a reporter of The Journal. "The gambling clubs have been raided out of existence, and there is no reason why individual transgressors of the law cannot be driven away or punished. They have no money, as a rule, and their friends are of the butchery variety. A few arrests and convictions would so far towards remedying the evil complained of by the chief, and the decent element will render all the assistance in their power. To say that Grand avenue from Independence to Sixth street, is the worst block in the city is an outrage. The conditions are better there than in Hick's hollow, Belleville, Hollywood, Eighteenth street and other places, yet we do not hear of those places being condemned. We accept the character of frequent block, and that fights are common, but can any one expect conditions to be different when policemen are few and lawless women and drink openly in the saloons? At the corner of Independence and Grand avenues is one of the worst saloons in Kansas. Women frequent the place and policemen make themselves at home there. What we want is a square deal, not criticism that hurts every person on the block and indirectly every resident in that section of the city. If the police will only do their duty the evils complained of will soon cease to exist."

From another source it was learned that the respectable colored element of the city will organize for the sole purpose of abating the evils of the block by means of members of their race in different sections of the city. The suppression of negro gambling clubs was due to the efforts of a representative colored man, and not to the police, and it is believed that a successful crusade can be inaugurated against the keepers of dens which the Mayor's metropolitan police force says he cannot cope with successfully.

WAIF FOUND AT DAWN.

Two-Weeks-Old Girl Baby Heartlessly Abandoned—Its Cries Heard by Mrs. H. Fisher.

Mrs. H. Fisher, the wife of a coal dealer who lives at 2340 Roberts avenue, was awakened at 4 o'clock yesterday morning by the loud claps of thunder that preceded the rain storm that swept over Kansas City at that hour. She arose from bed and went into a bathroom to lower the window. The cries of an infant in distress fell upon her ears, and she called to her husband and to the police. She discovered there was a child in the barn in the rear of the house. He listened intently and also heard the wails of an infant. He told his wife that it was a 2-week-old baby who had been sick for several days. Mrs. Fisher was about to dismiss the matter from her mind when she heard the infant, more distinct than before, again greeted her ears. Mr. Fisher and his oldest son went from their home to the barn and found a girl and a boy lying on the floor. The girl was wrapped in a cape and its head covered with a hood. The fishers took charge of the child and notified the police. Mrs. Patti Moore, the police matron, went to the Fisher home and took the child to her apartment in the police station. In the day it was taken by Mrs. Mary Blackburn, of Atchison, Kas., who is visiting in the city and who will probably adopt it. The baby was chilled when found by the fishers. It had evidently been on the ground for several hours. The police are investigating the case, but with little hope of apprehending the cruel mother who abandoned the child. A basket in which the baby had been carried to the rear of the Fisher home was found on the premises.

JOHN COYNE'S HORRIBLE END.

Is Run Down by a Passenger Train and His Body Cut Into Fragments.

The body of John Coyne, horribly mutilated, was discovered about daylight yesterday lying alongside the Missouri Pacific railroad track nearly opposite to the Kansas City Nut and Bolt works. Deputy Coroner McNeil was notified and had the remains removed to Carroll's undertaking establishment, where an inquest will be held to-day.

Risley Powell, an employee of the nut and bolt plant, discovered the body. He was walking along the track and saw a man lying on the outer edge of the ties a little farther down his trunk and who was between the rails. The face had not been disfigured and the body was readily identified.

Coyne lived in Centropolis and was employed in a shoe parlor there. His wife had been sick for some time and was staying with her three children, the oldest of whom is 6 years old, at the home of relatives in Sheffield. Sunday Coyne visited his wife and children and about 9:30 o'clock at night started to the nut and bolt plant at its hall in the Junction building. It is supposed that he was struck by an incoming passenger train and that several trains were over his body after he had been killed.

I. O. O. F.

Triple Link Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., conferred the Initiatory degree on two candidates at its last meeting. The committee of the several lodges in the city interested in giving a picnic also met with the lodge. There were also many visitors present and a large turnout of the members of No. 8. Charles Green, who has been sick for some time, was in attendance, and was given a hearty welcome. It was decided to give a joint picnic of the I. O. O. F. lodge in the near future, and J. B. McCarty and General Fred W. Averett were appointed on the transportation committee. The I. O. O. F. Visiting Club will pay a visit to Gato City lodge Monday evening, August 7, at its hall on the Southwest boulevard.

E. S. F. S.

There was a good attendance at the last meeting of the council No. 1, Economic Savings and Progressive Society. Several applications for membership were received and given a little more business transacted, after which the members were entertained by the Economic Savings and Progressive Society. The council met last night and conferred the degree of several at its hall in the Junction building, Ninth and Main streets.

Excursion to Boston Via New York City.

Don't forget the excursion to Boston over the Nickel Plate Road, August 11th and 12th, at \$10 for the round trip, good returning to the city via New York City. Tickets also on sale via New York City to Boston and back via the round trip via New York City. Ticket Office, 111 Adams St., depot, Van Buren St. and Pacific ave., on the Elevated Loop.

An Epidemic of Diarrhoea.

Mr. A. Sanders, writing from Coconut Grove, Fla., says there has been quite an epidemic of diarrhoea there. He had a severe attack and was cured by four doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says he also recommended it to others and they say it is the best medicine they ever used.

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